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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: CVIS, PINS, IN, AS, NZ, US

SUBJ: ANANDA MARG

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1. (BEGIN XGDS-1) NZ POLICE HAVE PROVIDED EMBASSY
COPY OF NOV. 5 SECRET REPORT ON ANANDA MARG, NOTING
REPORT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO U.S. REGIONAL LEGAL
ATTACHE MANILA AND TO INDIAN AND AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES.
TEXT OF REPORT, WHICH WITH ANNEXES BEING POUCHED DEPT.
(NEA/INS), QUOTED PARA 2 BELOW FOR BENEFIT ALL ADDRESSEES.
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2. "ANANDA MARGA

THE ABOVE ORGANIZATION FIRST CAME UNDER ADVERSE NOTICE IN NEW ZEALAND ON 3 OCTOBER 1975. IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THAT MORNING, A POLICE PATROL RESPONDED TO A BURGLAR ALARM AT THE HOROKIWI QUARRY EXPLOSIVES STORE ON THE HUTT ROAD NEAR WELLINGTON. THREE INTRUDERS WERE LOCATED AT THE SCENE. DURING THE ARREST PROCEDURE, ONE OF THE OFFENDERS PRODUCED A PISTOL, TOOK A CONSTABLE CAPTIVE AND MADE OFF IN A POLICE CAR. THE CONSTABLE WAS LATER RELEASED UNHARMED. AS A RESULT, FOUR PERSONS WERE ARRESTED AND HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH A NUMBER OF OFFENCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE INCIDENT. THESE PERSONS ARE:

JAMES JOHN PERKOULIDIS
AMARATLAL PATEL
DAVID JOHN FIELD
COCILIO FABRIZIO

IT WAS DISCOVERED DURING INTERVIEWS WITH THESE OFFENDERS, AND SUBSEQUENT ENQUIRIES, THAT THEY WERE MEMBERS OF ANANDA MARGA AND THAT THEIR OBJECT IN COMMITTING THE CRIMES WAS TO OBTAIN EXPLOSIVES TO BLOW UP THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES IN WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

ALTHOUGH THE ATTEMPT WAS AMATEURISH AND BUNGLED, IT MARKED A DRAMATIC AND SERIOUS CHANGE OF ATTITUDE BY DEVOTEES TO ANANDA MARGA IN NEW ZEALAND. FROM INTELLIGENCE RECEIVED, IT APPEARS THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS THE FIRST VIOLENT TYPE OF CRIME ATTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF ANANDA MARGA OUTSIDE INDIA.

ANANDA MARGA IN INDIA IS KNOWN AS A CRIMINAL TERRORIST ORGANISATION DEVOTED TO THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND TO THE RELEASE OF THEIR LEADER, PRABHAT RANJAN SAKAR, KNOWN AS 'BABA', WHO HAS BEEN IN PRISON IN INDIA FOR SEVERAL YEARS. MEMBERS OF ANANDA MARGA IN INDIA ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDERS, KIDNAPPINGS, BOMBINGS AND OTHER CRIMES
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OF VIOLENCE IN INDIA IN RECENT YEARS.

NEW ZEALAND MEMBERSHIP: ANANDA MARGA IS DIVIDED INTO RANKS OR CLASSES, THE TOP MAN BEING, OF COURSE, BABA. NEXT COMES THE AVADOOTA OR AVADHOOT, THEN COMES THE ACHARAYA, AND FINALLY THE NOVICES WHO ARE KNOWN AS PRACHRAK. ONE OF THOSE ARRESTED ON 3 OCTOBER, FABRIZIO, IS AN ACHARAYA AND WAS, UNTIL HIS ARREST,

LEADER OF THE NEW ZEALAND GROUP. HIS PLACE HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN BY MARTIN PAUL JONATHON TOBIAS, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 50 ADHERENTS OF ANANDA MARGA IN NEW ZEALAND AT PRESENT, AND IT WILL BE SEEN FROM THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS THAT SOME HAVE TRAVELLED WIDELY. DETAILS OF NEW ZEALAND MEMBERS ARE SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED APPENDIX MARKED 'A'. HEADQUARTERS: THE VARIOUS HEADQUARTERS OF ANANDA MARGA IN NEW ZEALAND ARE SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED APPENDIX MARKED 'B'. A DOCUMENT HAS BEEN OBTAINED SHOWING ADDRESSES OF ANANDA MARGA HEADQUARTERS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND THIS IS ATTACHED AS APPENDIX MARKED 'C'.

IN SEPTEMBER 1975 A RETREAT WAS HELD BY ANANDA MARGA MEMBERS AT THEIR AUSTRALIAN HEADQUARTERS, BELIEVED TO BE 209 WALKER STREET, NORTH SYDNEY. A NUMBER OF NEW ZEALAND ADHERENTS ATTENDED. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT FABRIZIO AND HIS FOLLOWERS COMMITTED A SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CRIME SHORTLY AFTER THEIR RETURN FROM THAT RETREAT. THE INEVITABLE CONCLUSION IS, THAT THOSE ATTENDING THAT RETREAT WERE EXALTED TO TAKE SOME POSITIVE AND FIRM ACTION IN FURTHERANCE OF THEIR CAUSE.

THE WORLD HEADQUARTERS OF ANANDA MARGA IS BELIEVED TO BE AT 3453 EAST 12TH STREET, WICHITA, KANSAS, U.S.A., OR 854 PEARL STREET, DENVER, COLORADO, U.S.A.

INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS: ANANDA MARGA CAN NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED TO BE MERELY A PASSIVE, SEMI RELIGIOUS, MEDITATIVE GROUP. IN VIEW OF THE INCIDENT IN WELLINGTON, SERIOUS CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT ADHEREENTS OF ANANDA MARGA MAY BE

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PREPARED TO COMMIT CRIMES OF VIOLENCE, PARTICULARLY AGAINST REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIA, ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. THE GROUP CLAIMS MEMBERSHIP TOTTALLING TWO MILLION, SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. INDIAN INTELLIGENCE INDICATED MEMBERSHIP OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND IN THAT COUNTRY. THE INDIAN AUTHORITIES LEAVE NO DOUBT AS TO THEIR ATTITUDE TO THE ORGANISATION. MR. T.A.S. MANI, DIRECTOR OF SECURITY AND ANTI-TERRORISM FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, FLEW TO NEW ZEALAND FOLLOWING REPORTS OF THE WELLINGTON INCIDENT AND CONFIRMED THAT ANANDA MARGA HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ARSONS, BOMBINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN HIS COUNTRY." (END XGDS-1).

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3. POLICE HAVE IN ADDITION PROVIDED TEXT OF PROSECUTION'S
OPENING ADDRESS IN TRIAL OF PATEL, FABRIZIO,
PERKOULIDIS AND FIELD, WHICH ALSO BEING POUCHED, AND
FOLLOWING INVENTORY OF CHARGES AND FINDINGS AGAINST
THESE INDIVIDUALS:

"FIRST COUNT - THE CROWN SOLICITOR AT WELLINGTON
CHARGES THAT AMARATLAL PATEL, COCILIO FABRIZIO, JAMES
JOHN PERKOULIDIS AND DAVID JOHN FIELD DURING OR ABOUT
SEPTEMBER 1975 AT WELLINGTON CONSPIRED EACH WITH THE
OTHERS TO COMMIT THE OFFENCE OF ARSON OF THE BUILDING
IN WHICH THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION IS SITUATED AT
49 WILLIS STREET." (ALL FOUR CONVICTED).

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"SECOND COUNT - AND THE SAID CROWN SOLICITOR FURTHER CHARGES THAT THE SAID AMARATLAL PATEL, JAMES JOHN PERKOULIDIS AND DAVID JOHN FIELD ON OR ABOUT 3RD OCTOBER 1975 AT HOROKIWI NEAR WELLINGTON BORKE AND ENTERED A BUILDING NAMELY THE OFFICE BUILDING OF HOROKIWI QUARRIES LIMITED SITUATED AT HOROKIWI WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A CRIME THEREIN NAMELY THEFT." (ALL THREE CONVICTED).

"THRID COUNT - AND THE SAID CROWN SOLICITOR FURTHER CHARGES THAT THE SAID AMARATLAL PATEL, JAMES JOHN PERKOULIDIS AND DAVID JOHN FIELD ON OR ABOUT 3RD OCTOBER 1975 AT HOROKIWI NEAR WELLINGTON UNLAWFULLY CARRIED OFF NEVILLE ARTHUR SAWYER WITH CONSENT OBTAINED BY FRAUD OR DURESS WITH INTENT TO CAUSE HIM TO BE CONFINED OR IMPRISONED." (PERKOULIDIS AND FIELD CONVICTED; PATEL FOUND NOT GUILTY).

"FOURTH COUNT - AND THE SAID CROWN SOLICITOR FURTHER CHARGES THAT THE SAID AMARATLAL PATEL, JAMES JOHN PERKOULIDIS AND DAVID JOHN FIELD ON OR ABOUT 3RD OCTOBER 1975 AT HOROKIWI NEAR WELLINGTON UNLAWFULLY DETAINED NEVILLE ARTHUR SAWYER WITH CONSENT OBTAINED BY FRAUD OR DURESS WITH INTENT TO CAUSE HIM TO BE CONFINED OR IMPRISONED." (ALL THREE CONVICTED).

"FIFTH COUNT - AND THE SAID CROWN SOLICITOR FURTHER CHARGES THAT THE SAID AMARATLAL PATEL, JAMES JOHN PERKOULIDIS AND DAVID JOHN FIELD ON OR ABOUT 3RD OCTOBER 1975 AT HOROKIWI NEAR WELLINGTON UNLAWFULLY AND WITHOUT COLOUR OF RIGHT BUT NOT SO AS TO BE GUILTY OF THEFT TOOK TO THEIR OWN USE A MOTOR CAR NAMELY A HOLDEN MODEL REGISTERED NUMBER HL268 BELONGING TO THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT." (ALL THREE CONVICTED).

"SIXTH COUNT - AND THE SAID CROWN SOLICITOR FURTHER CHARGES THAT THE SAID AMARATLA PATEL, JAMES JOHN PERKOULIDIS AND DAVID JOHN FIELD ON OR ABOUT 3RD OCTOBER 1975 AT HOROKIWI NEAR WELLINGTON UNLAWFULLY AND WITHOUT COLOUR OF RIGHT BUT NOT SO AS TO BE GUILTY OF THEFT GOT INTO A MOTOR CAR NAMELY A HOLDEN
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MODEL REGISTERED NUMBER HL268 BELONGING TO THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT." (PATEL AND PERKOULIDIS CONVICTED; FIELD FOUND NOT GUILTY).

4. SINCE POLICE INDICATED TRIAL TRANSCRIPT NOT HELD BY THEM, EMBASSY INFORMALLY EXPLAINED U.S. INTEREST IN MATTER TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND REQUESTED LATTER'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING COPY.

5. POLICE HAVE ASKED THAT U.S. AUTHORITIES SHARE WITH THEM ANY INTELLIGENCE U.S. HAS ACQUIRED ON ANANDA MARGA. EMBASSY URGES THIS REQUEST BE MET IN VIEW EXCELLENT COOPERATION POLICE HAVE AFFORDED IN THIS AND OTHER MATTERS.
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